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1. EMBASSY, USOECD AND US MISSION UNESCO WELCOME
POSSIBLE VISIT OF DR. PRESS TO PARIS ON APRIL 11 AND
SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE.
2. MORNING OF APRIL 11 WOULD BE DEVOTED TO VISIT TO
US MISSION TO UNESCO AND POSSIBLY TO MEETINGS WITH
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO M'BOW, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR SCIENCE KADDOURA AND HIS DEPUTY MICHEL
BATISSE, DIRECTOR OF THE MAB PROGRAM. THE AMOUNT OF TIME
AVAILABLE FOR THE TOTAL UNESCO VISIT WOULD BE DETERMINED
BY DR. PRESS'S ARRIVAL TIME IN PARIS. A REVIEW OF THE
PRESENT UNESCO SCIENCE PROGRAMS, NOTING BENEFITS AND
LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE INTENDED SCIENCE PROGRAM EFFORTS
BY UNESCO, COULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THESE VISITS. THE
UNESCO CONTROL OFFICER WOULD BE DR. KURT SANDVED, SCIENCE
ATTACHE, WHO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON AND MAY OFFER FURTHER
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COMMENTS ON THIS SUGGESTED SCHEDULE.

3. MIDDAY MEETINGS INCLUDING A LUNCHEON AT OECD COULD
INVOLVE MEETING SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE US MISSION TO
OECD, OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP, DEPUTY
SECRETARY GENERAL ELDIN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR
SCIENCE BECKLER, IEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. LANTZKE AND

NEA DIRECTOR GENERAL WILLIAMS. THE
SCIENCE PROGRAMS OF OECD, IEA AND NEA AND US
PARTICIPATION AND INTEREST IN THESE TOPICS COULD BE
SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION. USOECD CONTROL OFFICER WOULD
BE DR. LEO PACKER, SCIENCE COUNSELOR.

4. AFTERNOON MEETINGS AND AN EVENING RECEPTION OR
DINNER COULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIALS.
ALTHOUGH FRENCH ELECTIONS IN MID-MARCH MAY CHANGE SOME
OF THE PLAYERS, THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE INCLUDED:
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RESEARCH JACQUES
SOURDILLE, HEAD OF DGRST (YET TO BE NAMED AS BERNARD
GREGORY DIED VERY RECENTLY), DIRECTOR OF CNRS ROBERT
CHABBAL, PRESIDENT OF CNES HUBERT CURIAN, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF INSERM CONSTANT BURG, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF CNEXO GERARD PIKETTY, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CEA ANDRE
GIRAUD AND SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICIALS. EACH OF THESE
OFFICIALS IS MOST INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE US;
THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND THEIR FUTURE INTEREST
IN COOPERATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION.
THE EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR THIS PORTION OF THE
VISIT WOULD BE WILLIAM C. SALMON, SCIENCE COUNSELOR.

5. THE ABOVE DESCRIBES A VERY BUSY DAY WHEREIN DR. PRESS
WOULD MEET A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND NOT HAVE ADEQUATE TIME
TO DEVELOP ANY SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. ASSUMING THE VISIT TO
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PARIS IS LIMITED TO ONE DAY, WE BELIEVE THIS PROGRAM
WOULD BE OF OPTIMUM BENEFIT TO THE US AND WOULD GIVE
DR. PRESS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW CONTACTS, BRIEFLY
EXPLORE AREAS OF INTEREST AND TO BUILD ON THESE IN THE
FUTURE.
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